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Successful Spring for Junior Achievement at Fisher Public Elementary School

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Junior Achievement was a success this spring in Fisher Public Elementary School. The success of the Junior Achievement program is dependent on the business and community volunteers who shared their time and talents working with the teachers in the classrooms.

Junior Achievement volunteers come from all walks of life. Business people, parents, and grandparents, have volunteered their time to be role models to students, helping connect education and the working world. Junior Achievement enhances the social studies curriculum by involving volunteers from the community to go in to the classroom and teach prepared (user-friendly) lessons in economics. They also teach lessons in character and promote volunteerism by example. JA is another opportunity for students to learn about careers and the working world first hand. Recent studies show, students who had consecutive years of Junior Achievement scored 27% higher in economic literacy, compared to students who did not have this opportunity.

Junior Achievement is a partnership between business, community, and education helping kids understand concepts of economics. JA teaches financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and workplace skills, using materials that are fun and relevant. JA has been in existence since 1919, changing with the times, reaching over 4 million students in the United States and more than 5 million young people worldwide.

This initiative is a collaborative effort between the Center for Adult Learning at the University of Minnesota Crookston and the Achieve More grant which has been partially funded by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation and the University of Minnesota Crookston.

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